

School Safety Advisory Committee
Retreat Notes
August 10, 2017
9:00 – 2:00
WIAA Offices, Renton, WA

Present:

Brian Smith, Kathryn Hobbs, Brian Hunter, Josh Keli'ikoia, Rachel Moeckel, Mary Schoenfeldt, Brenton Clark (SAO), Nancy Bernard, Scott Black, Julia Cramer, Rosanne Garrand, Ailey Kato, Tim Garchow, Abigail Westbrook, Mike Donlin

Four segments of the Retreat: Updates, Summit Planning, News/Information, and SSAC Planning. With lunch in the middle

As we began, Brian gave a big THANK YOU to CLEAR RISK SOLUTIONS for providing lunch for today's Retreat!

Updates:

Several staff changes were shared:

At OSPI, the School Safety Center remains a component of System and School Improvement section of OSPI under new Assistant Superintendent Tennille Simmons-Jeffries. Dixie Grunenfelder remains our Director within that OSPI component. Long time Administrative Assistant Ruthy Cowles-Porterfield has retired; we are now happy to say that we are supported by Rachael Wagoner. As part of the conversation around the Safety Center, the question was raised: If someone calls the Safety Center, who is the staff person they should ask for. In response to the question of **who are** the Safety Center people to whom others can be referred, **Mike** is the Safety Center staff.

Tim Garchow, Executive Director of WSSDA, introduced the new WSSDA Director of Policy & Legal Services, Abigail Westbrook. Abigail previously worked at OSPI; we are really looking forward to continuing our working relationship!

Working on the SB 6620 WSIPP Study is Research Associate Julia Cramer.

Finally, there has also been a change in the SAO Auditor working on the upcoming safety audit. Rachel Moeckel will lead that effort along with Brenton Clark. On that audit, Tim thanked the Auditor's Office for the asset based approach which they are taking to the audit.

Legislative updates were shared.

[HB 279](#) modified and clarified safety drill requirements. However, unfortunately, it does not require an earthquake drill, but left that as a drill which schools "may" do. This is also an issue for the Governor's Sub-cabinet update to Resilient Washington, Recommendation 1.

[HB 1003](#) was a bill in response to the Pateros wildfires of 2014. Concerning the development of a model policy on natural disaster school infrastructure recovery, the bill also calls for districts to have continuity of operations plans (COOPs). Tim & Abigail shared WSSDA policy and procedures numbers [6580 /6580P](#) which address the requirements

The 2015-16 [HB1240 – Restraint & Isolation](#) bill was also discussed. In response to legislation, the initial data collection around this bill was done using a *surveygizmo* tool. Mike reported that for the current data collection, districts will be able to use an EDS application which will be available this coming fall.

[HB 1258 – Travis Alert](#) concerns persons with a disability present at the scene of an accident. The DOH has the lead on this bill; information and materials may be useful to schools and districts as they develop safety plans in the future. [SB 5449](#) concerns digital citizenship, media literacy, and internet safety in schools. Mike has been invited to be a part of this conversation. This update sparked conversation around the [Blue Whale Challenge](#) and digital safety.

Our federal WASEM Grant received a 2nd no cost extension through October 2017. Although there is no additional funding, we were able to pull together limited funds for a 2nd New Dawn Security/Sean Spelley contract to continue work on Safety Costs, and for Barbara Thurman for both a final review of our current web site and its resources as well as COOP training preparation. The final LEA Self-Assessment will be coming soon. In addition, we have a growing list of 20 x 20 presentations. Four samples were shared. These will be posted and shared through a new Share Point site as the new school year begins.

Rosanne Garrand, EMD, shared great new earthquake / [Great ShakeOut](#) materials with everyone. There was, again, conversation about the need to change [1279](#) wording from “may-> must”. In addition, [Resilient WA Subcabinet](#) Update – Recommendation 1 now included. And there is a great new [Great ShakeOut](#) – kids’ video contest

By way of update, the Center for Children and Youth Justice (CCJY) is continuing research on CSEC. Although the data is still very preliminary, there is indication that approximately 50% of school age youth who become involved in CSEC had been in school the previous semester. This underscores a need for training of school staff on warning signs. Mike represents OSPI on both the DOC and the AGO trafficking and CSEC statewide work groups.

Summit Preparation

The updates set the stage for conversations around preparing for the 2nd annual safety summit. It was noted several times throughout the course of the Retreat that a plan to fund school safety must take into account school, district, ESD and OSPI-level efforts to provide for safe and secure learning environments. This is reflected in the 1st Summit documentation which the group reviewed the recommendations: [Annual School Safety Summit - White Paper](#). That review generated discussion around what is being/being done so far:

- Integration of the work of entities and initiatives included within this document:
 - WSIPP Study update
 - Spelley New Dawn Cost update
 - The SAO audit and
 - Feedback from the 2nd GSEM/WASEM self-analysis process.
- Much of that documentation will feed into and provide the basis for a statewide needs assessment and environmental scan.
- We did review documentation for a statewide [School Safety Corps](#)
 - The group recommended at least one dedicated “school safety” person / ESD

- It was noted that frequently an ESD has safety/risk manager and a PI-type, but not necessarily someone dedicated to overall safety planning and training coordination;
- A Safety Corps would be invaluable for overall statewide coordination and referrals.

The group also discussed the fact that we have no Capital Budget. This has an impact on construction and remodeling projects, but also on the school mapping system budget.

We reviewed the earlier [School Mapping Discussion](#) document. There is a serious need to

- o Look at the mapping RCWs.
- o Focus on the actual RCW “requirements” for schools to use the mapping system,
- o Consider the “when funding is available” wording,
- o Discuss the current funding situation,
- o Clarify of **what is** mandated and/or expected, and what is not,
- o Recommend changes to legislated wording and
- o Request funding.
- o And to avoid unnecessary duplication of confusion, Identify / clarify the currently existing processes and available apps for LEAs, schools, LEAs, etc...

Earlier, the SSAC had discussed a WORK GROUP to study all of the above. Coming out of this meeting was a list of names of individuals to kick off such a work group: needed changes: Brian Smith, Scott Black., Dave Corr, Josh Keli'ikpa, and Mike Donlin. Others may be interested. Mike will look at setting up a preliminary meeting in September, prior to the Summit on October 5th.

An additional discussion centered about the language and proviso funding for safety training for all school administrators and school safety personnel. Again in the current operating budget, [SB 5883](#), funding is allocated to CJTC in 2 blocks of money: \$96K for the safety Center, and \$100K for personnel training. There is an interesting history to this proviso language dating back to the inception of the Safety Center in 2001. CJTC and OSPI have worked closely over the years to ensure both programs are addressed. Currently, CJTC and OSPI are working to handoff the safety personnel training component to OSPI. Ideally, as we work to develop a plan to fund school safety, as mandated by SB 6620, funding proviso language will be changed to reflect this handoff.

Throughout the course of the Retreat, there were interesting conversations around possible alternative sources of funding and looking at an “Innovation Cell” as a source of safety revenue.

All of this will be used in developing the agenda for the October 5th Summit #2.

News / Information:

Following lunch, there was time for some brief news and information sharing.

- [FEMA](#) has published a new [safety planning document](#). It's a bit too big to download, but it's an excellent resource.
- Several ESDs are planning Safety Summits. Contact the ESD for the most current information and registration.
 - o ESD 112

- ESD 121
- ESD 114
- Mike has begun to dig more deeply into safety analytics. This is partly in response to the questions: Why are we doing this? So what? Can we show results? The answers will show and support what we know intuitively: a physically, emotionally, psychologically and academically safe environment improves school attendance, grades, graduation rates – overall student achievement.
- There are several relatively hidden issues which schools and districts have to deal with. They are “hidden” insofar as they are challenging topics to deal with:
 - [Terrorism](#),
 - Bakken oil trains and their proximity to schools,
 - Nuclear attack preparation. [RCW 38.52.030](#) precludes preparation in anticipation of a nuclear attack. However, the current political situation, world-wide, suggests that schools may need to think about what they would do.

Planning Ahead

In looking ahead to 2017-28, the calendar of SSAC Meetings was included with the Retreat agenda. Safety Summit #2 is scheduled for October 5, 2017 at WIAA in Renton. Several training opportunities will be coming this fall.

The SSAC work plan includes:

- Prep for Summit in Oct., and
 - Summit follow-up,
 - Refining a plan to fund school safety,
 - Summit follow-up mtg in spring, and
 - plan for Summit #3.
- Considering potential, additional safety funding sources,
- The SAO Safety Audit,
- Legislative follow-up & interactions,
- CJTC – OSPI training handoff,
- Subcabinet recommendations,
- PDM update,
- **Mapping work group recommendations,**
- Additional new topics and issues that arise.



**School Safety Advisory Committee
2017-2018
Meeting Dates & Locations**

Please Hold:
1st Thursday of Each Month *
9:00 – 12:00

Date	Location	Comments
August 10, 2017	WIAA 9:00 – 1:00	✓ SSAC Retreat
September 7	-----	HOLD DATE
October 5	WIAA 9:00 – 3:00	Summit #2
November 2	Brouillet	HOLD DATE
December 7	Annex	Advisory
January 4, 2018	-----	<i>No Meeting</i>
February 1	Brouillet	Advisory
March 1	Brouillet	HOLD DATE
April 5	Brouillet	Advisory
May 3	Annex	HOLD DATE
June 7	Brouillet	Advisory
July 5	-----	<i>No Meeting</i>

* NB: Full SSAC meetings are alternate months. Monthly dates/rooms are **held** for subgroups or other additional meetings.

